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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Monday, 23 December 1996

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m. *	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

The situation in the Great Lakes region (S/1996/993, S/1996/1013, S/1996/1036, S/1996/1046 and S/1996/1063)

Guatemala (S/1996/1045)

Other matters

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* To be followed by a formal meeting on Cyprus.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Monday, 23 December 1996

AFRICAN GROUP OF THE WHOLE

11 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

The Fifth Committee will resume its work for the first part of the fifty-first resumed regular session of the General Assembly on Monday, 10 March 1996. The programme of work will be published at a later date.

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The tenth session of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for the Elaboration of an International Convention to Combat Desertification in those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa, will be held in New York from 6 to 17 January 1997. The provisional agenda and proposed organization of work for the session are contained in document A/CONF.241/62.

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Schedule of meetings of the working groups of the General Assembly (January - June 1997)*

OPEN-ENDED WORKING GROUP ON THE QUESTION OF EQUITABLE REPRESENTATION ON AND INCREASE IN THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL:

Monday, 10 March, to Friday, 14 March (8 meetings);
Monday, 17 March, to Friday, 21 March (8 meetings);
Monday, 28 April, to Friday, 2 May (8 meetings);
Monday, 5 May, to Friday, 9 May (8 meetings);
Tuesday, 27 May, to Friday, 30 May (7 meetings);
Monday, 2 June, to Friday, 6 June (8 meetings).

AD HOC OPEN-ENDED WORKING GROUP OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON AN AGENDA FOR DEVELOPMENT:

Monday, 10 February, to Friday, 14 February (8 meetings);
Tuesday, 18 February, to Friday, 21 February (7 meetings);
Monday, 31 March, to Friday, 4 April (8 meetings).

HIGH-LEVEL OPEN-ENDED WORKING GROUP ON THE FINANCIAL SITUATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS:

Monday, 3 March, to Friday, 7 March (8 meetings);
Monday, 14 April, to Friday, 18 April (8 meetings);
Monday, 21 April, to Friday, 25 April (8 meetings);
Monday, 16 June, to Friday, 20 June (8 meetings).

OPEN-ENDED HIGH-LEVEL WORKING GROUP ON THE STRENGTHENING OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM:

Thursday, 23 January, to Tuesday, 28 January (8 meetings);
Monday, 24 February, to Thursday, 27 February (7 meetings);
Monday, 12 May, to Friday, 16 May (8 meetings);
Monday, 19 May, to Friday, 23 May (8 meetings);
Monday, 9 June, to Friday, 13 June (8 meetings).

INFORMAL OPEN-ENDED WORKING GROUP ON AN AGENDA FOR PEACE AND/OR ITS SUB-GROUPS:

Wednesday, 29 January, to Friday, 31 January (5 meetings);
Monday, 3 February, to Friday, 7 February (8 meetings);
Monday, 24 March, to Thursday, 27 March (7 meetings).

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* The Chairmen and members of the Bureaux also wish to advise that no meetings will be scheduled for Monday mornings and Friday afternoons.

During the week of 7 through 11 April 1997, the Vice-Chairmen may conduct informal meetings, if necessary.

Efforts have been made to prevent overlap of relevant meetings during the same period.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Executive Boards of UNDP and UNFPA and of UNICEF

The Executive Boards of the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Population Fund and the United Nations Children's Fund will hold informal consultations on the harmonization of budgets on Wednesday, 8 January 1997, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

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Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA

The first regular session 1997 of the Executive Board of UNDP and UNFPA will be held from 13 to 17 January 1997 in Conference Room 3. The provisional agenda, annotations, list of documents and work plan are contained in document DP/1997/L.1. Delegations, as well as observers, are requested to fax their credentials to the Secretariat of the Executive Board (906-5634) as soon as possible, but no later than 2 January 1997.

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United Nations Children's Fund

EXECUTIVE BOARD

The informal pre-session briefing on major issues before the UNICEF Executive Board at its 1997 first regular session (20-24 January 1997) will take place on Friday, 10 January 1997, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber at United Nations Headquarters. All delegations are invited to attend.

The first regular session of the Executive Board of UNICEF will take place from 20 to 24 January 1997 in the Economic and Social Council Chamber at United Nations Headquarters. The annotated provisional agenda and timetable are contained in document E/ICEF/1997/2.

Delegations are requested to fax their credentials to the Executive Board secretariat (212-326-7096) as soon as possible, but no later than 13 January 1997. In accordance with rule 50 (2) of the Rules of Procedure and its annex, observer delegations are also requested to communicate with their credentials the specific items of the provisional agenda on which they intend to intervene.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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The Group of 77 of the Whole will hold meetings on 6 and 7 January 1997 on the preparation for the South-South Conference on Trade, Finance and Investment at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in Conference Room 3.

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Announcement

As from 4 December 1996, and for the rest of the month, there will be an informal briefing at 3 p.m., in the Press Briefing Room S-226, by the Presidency of the Security Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council on those days when consultations of the whole are scheduled in the morning. When consultations take place in the afternoon, the briefing will be held immediately after the conclusion of the consultations.

SUMMARY OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Sunday, 15 December 1996

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-first session

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE 44th meeting

Pattern of conferences [118]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this item.

Meetings additional to the approved calendar of conferences and meetings for the biennium 1996-1997

The representative of Bangladesh and Vice-Chairman of the Committee informed the Committee on the results of informal consultations.

The representative of the United States made a statement.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided, without a vote, to inform the General Assembly that should it adopt the relevant draft resolutions contained in the reports of the Sixth Committee on agenda items 144 (Convention on the law of the non-navigational uses of international watercourses), 147 (Establishment of an International Criminal Court), 150 (Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization) and 151 (Measures to eliminate international terrorism), it would be understood that the question of the additional meetings requested in connection with those resolutions had been dealt with by the Fifth Committee in the context of its draft resolution on agenda item 118 (Pattern of conferences).

Programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997 [116]

The Committee continued its consideration of this item.

(a) Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/51/L.57, United Nations Mission for the Verification of Human Rights and of Compliance with the Commitments of the Comprehensive Agreement on Human Rights in Guatemala

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee introduced the report of that Committee.

Statements were made by the representatives of Mexico, the United States and Singapore.

The Controller responded to questions posed.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided, without a vote, to inform the General Assembly that should it adopt draft resolution A/51/L.57, an additional requirement of $7,102,400 would arise for 1997 under section 3 of the programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997. An additional requirement of $500,100 would arise under section 32 (Staff assessment), offset by the same amount under income section 1 (Income from staff assessment). These requirements would be considered in the context of the revised appropriations for the biennium 1996-1997.

A statement in explanation of position was made by the representative of the United States.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question.

(b) Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/51/L.58, United Nations Political Presence in El Salvador

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee introduced the report of that Committee.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States, Mexico and Cuba.

The Chairman of the Committee and the Controller responded to questions posed.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided, without a vote, to inform the General Assembly that should it adopt draft resolution A/51/L.58, an additional requirement of $408,700 would arise for 1997 under section 3 of the programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997. An additional requirement of $68,200 would also be required under section 32 (Staff assessment), offset by the same amount under income section 1, Income from staff assessment. These requirements would be considered in the context of the revised appropriations for the biennium 1996-1997.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question.

(c) Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/51/L.49 B, The situation in Afghanistan and its implications for international peace and security

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee introduced the report of that Committee.

Statements were made by the representatives of Mexico and the United States.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided, without a vote, to inform the General Assembly that should it adopt the draft resolution, an additional requirement of $3,100,000 would arise section 3 of the programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997. An additional requirement of $282,600 would arise section 32 (Staff assessment), offset by the same amount under income section 1 (Income from staff assessment). These requirements would be considered in the context of the revised appropriations for the biennium 1996-1997.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question.

Financing of the United Nations Angola Verification Mission [124]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this item.

The representative of Portugal introduced and orally revised draft resolution A/C.5/51/L.21.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution as orally revised.

The Committee thus concluded this stage of its consideration of this agenda item.

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations [119]

The representative of Turkey spoke on a point of order.

The Secretary of the Committee responded to the point of order.

The Committee resumed its consideration of this item.

The representative of Mexico introduced draft resolution A/C.5/51/L.21.

The representative of Costa Rica (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) introduced draft decision A/C.5/51/L.24.

Other matters

The Vice-Chairmen of the Committee, the Rapporteur and the representatives of Norway, Mexico, Canada and Armenia made statements and informed the Committee on the results of informal consultations.

Statements were made by the representatives of Costa Rica (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Ireland (on behalf of the European Union), Canada, Japan, Mexico and Singapore.

The Secretary of the Committee responded to questions posed.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

Monday, 16 December 1996

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-first session

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE — 45th meeting

Programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997 [116]

The Committee continued its consideration of this item.

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/51/L.63: The situation of democracy and human rights in Haiti

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee introduced the report of that Committee.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided, without a vote, to inform the General Assembly that should it adopt the draft resolution, an additional requirement of $3,400,400 would arise section 3 of the programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997. An additional requirement of $386,900 would arise section 32 (Staff assessment), offset by the same amount under income section 1 (Income from staff assessment). These requirements would be considered in the context of the revised appropriations for the biennium 1996-1997.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question.

Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services [141]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this item.

The representative of the Philippines introduced draft decision A/C.5/51/L.19.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft decision.

The Committee thus concluded this stage of its consideration of this agenda item.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

Tuesday, 17 December 1996

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-first session

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE 46th meeting

Pattern of conferences [118]

The Committee continued its consideration of this item.

The representative of Bangladesh and Vice-Chairman of the Committee introduced and orally revised draft resolution A/C.5/51/L.17.

The Director for Conference Services made a statement.

The representative of Mexico also made a statement.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution as orally revised.

Statements in explanation of position were made by the representatives of Mexico, the United States, the United Kingdom, Belgium and Japan.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item.

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations [119]

The Committee continued its consideration of this item.

Draft resolution A/C.5/51/L.21

Statements were made by the representatives of Mexico and Singapore.

Following the statement by the representative of Mexico and on the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided, without a vote, to postpone action on the draft resolution to the first resumed session.

Draft decision A/C.5/51/L.24

The Committee then decided, without a vote, to adopt draft decision A/C.5/51/L.24.

Draft resolution A/C.5/51/L.25

The representative of Norway introduced the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

A statement in explanation of position was made by the representative of Japan.

The Committee thus concluded this stage of its consideration of this agenda item.

Human resources management [120]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this item.

The representative of Ukraine and Rapporteur of the Committee introduced draft decisions A/C.5/51/L.18 and A/C.5/51/L.30.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft decisions.

Statements in explanation of position were made by the representatives of the Russian Federation, Germany and Portugal.

The Committee thus concluded this stage of its consideration of this agenda item.

Financing of the United Nations Protection Force, the United Nations Confidence Restoration Operation in Croatia, the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force and the United Nations Peace Forces Headquarters [129]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this item.

The representative of Armenia introduced draft resolution A/C.5/51/L.26.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded this stage of its consideration of this agenda item.

Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 [137]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this item.

The representative of Mexico introduced draft resolution A/C.5/51/L.22.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded this stage of its consideration of this agenda item.

Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 [139]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this item.

The representative of Canada introduced draft resolution A/C.5/51/L.23.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded this stage of its consideration of this agenda item.

Financing of the United Nations Support Mission in Haiti [157]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this item.

The representative of Mexico introduced draft decision A/C.5/51/L.27.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft decision.

A statement in explanation of position was made by the representative of Germany.

The Committee thus concluded this stage of its consideration of this agenda item.

Other matters

The representative of Costa Rica (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) introduced draft resolution A/C.5/51/L.31.

Statements were made by the representatives of Indonesia, Mexico, Bangladesh, China, Ireland, Cuba, the Republic of Korea and Canada.

The President of the General Assembly also made a statement.

The meeting was then suspended.

United Nations common system [121]

Following the suspension of the meeting the Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The representative of New Zealand introduced draft resolution A/C.5/51/L.35.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

A statement in explanation of position was made by the representative of the Netherlands.

The Committee thus concluded this stage of its consideration of this agenda item.

United Nations pension system [122]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this item.

The representative of New Zealand informed the Committee of the results of informal consultations and introduced draft resolution A/C.5/51/L.36.

Statements were made by the representatives of Ukraine, the Russian Federation, Germany and Zambia.

On the proposal from the representative of Zambia the Committee decided to postpone its decision on the draft resolution to the next meeting.

Programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997 [116]

The Committee continued its consideration of this agenda item.

The representative of Germany and Vice-Chairman of the Committee introduced and orally revised draft resolution A/C.5/51/L.39.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution as orally revised.

The representative of Germany and Vice-Chairman of the Committee introduced draft resolution A/C.5/51/L.38.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Controller introduced the report of the Secretary-General contained in document A/C.5/51/44.

The Chairman proposed an oral decision.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the oral decision as proposed by the Chairman.

The representative of Germany and Vice-Chairman of the Committee introduced draft resolution A/C.5/51/L.33.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

Following, the Committee had before it the draft report of the Committee on the item, which contained two draft resolutions.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the two draft resolutions.

The representative of Germany spoke on a point information.

The Committee thus concluded this stage of its consideration of this agenda item.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

Wednesday, 18 December 1996

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-first session

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE 47th meeting

The representative of Latvia spoke on a point of information.

The Secretary of the Committee made a statement.

Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations Peace-keeping Operations [140]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this item.

The representative of Belgium introduced draft resolution A/C.5/51/L.34.

Statements were made by the representatives of Singapore and Mexico.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft decision.

Statements in explanation of position were made by the representatives of Nepal, Slovakia, Australia, the United States, Zambia, the Czech Republic, Canada, New Zealand and India.

The Controller responded to a question posed.

The Committee thus concluded this stage of its consideration of this agenda item.

Programme planning [114]

The Committee continued its consideration of this item.

The representative of Bangladesh and Vice-Chairman of the Committee introduced and orally revised draft resolution A/C.5/51/L.37.

The Secretary of the Committee spoke on a point of information.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

Statements in explanation of position were made by the representatives of the United States, Ireland, Cuba and Costa Rica (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China).

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item.

United Nations pension system [122]

The Committee continued its consideration of this item.

Statements were made by the Chairman and the representatives of the Russian Federation and Ukraine.

The representative of the Ukraine proposed to postpone to the resumed session of the General Assembly the consideration of section IV of the draft resolution.

The representatives of the Russian Federation and Ukraine made statements on points of order.

The Chairman also made a statement.

The Committee then proceeded to vote on the motion by Ukraine which was rejected by a recorded vote of 18 against, 4 in favour and 61 abstentions.

Statements in explanation of position were made by the representatives of Ukraine, Germany, France and Austria.

The Secretary of the Committee made a statement.

In accordance with rule 129 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, the representative of Ukraine proposed the deletion of section IV of the draft resolution.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Russian Federation, Zambia, Canada and Senegal.

The Executive Secretary of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board responded to a question posed.

The Committee then proceeded to vote on the motion by Ukraine which was rejected by a recorded vote of 31 against, 2 in favour and 50 abstentions.

The representative of Ukraine made a statement in explanation of position.

The representative of Ukraine requested a separate vote on section IV of draft resolution A/C.5/51/L.36.

The Committee then voted to retain section IV as part of the draft resolution The result of the vote was as follows 32 in favour, 1 against and 48 abstentions.

The representative of Germany made a statement in explanation of position.

The representative of Ukraine requested a recorded vote on draft resolution A/C.5/51/L.36 as it stands without the square brackets around para. 3 of section IV.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/51/L.36 by a recorded vote of 78 in favour, 1 against and 19 abstentions.

Statements in explanation of position were made by the representatives of Austria, Latvia and Estonia.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item.

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [112]

The Committee continued its consideration of this item.

The representative of Germany and Vice-Chairman of the Committee introduced and orally revised draft resolution A/C.5/51/L.40.

The representative of Mexico made a statement.

The Secretary of the Committee responded to the question posed.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution as orally revised.

Statements in explanation of position were made by the representatives of India, Australia (on behalf of Canada, New Zealand and Australia), Cuba, Egypt and Ireland (on behalf of the European Union).

In light of the adoption of the resolution, the representative of Costa Rica (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) withdrew draft resolution A/C.5/51/L.31.

The Chairman introduced draft decisions A/C.5/51/L.28 and A/C.5/51/L.29.

The Secretary of the Committee orally revised the draft decisions.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft decisions as orally revised.

The Committee thus concluded this stage of its consideration of this agenda item.

Closure of the work of the Fifth Committee at its main part of the fifty-first regular session of the General Assembly

Statements were made by the representatives of Mexico (on behalf of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States), Costa Rica (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Poland (on behalf of the Group of Eastern European States), Mali (on behalf of the Group of African States), Canada (on behalf of the Group of Western European and Other States), Japan (on behalf of the Group of Asian States) and Cuba.

The Chairman declared closed the work of the Fifth Committee at the main part of the fifty-first regular session of the General Assembly.

Friday, 20 December 1996

SECURITY COUNCIL

3726th meeting

The situation in Somalia

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President made a statement on behalf of the Council (S/PRST/1996/47).

3727th meeting

The situation in Croatia

Further report on the situation of human rights in Croatia pursuant to Security Council resolution 1019 (1995) (S/1996/1011 and Corr.1)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of Croatia, at his request, to participate in the discussion without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President made a statement on behalf of the Council (S/PRST/1996/48).

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Convention on Psychotropic Substances, concluded at Vienna on 21 February1971

Accession: Indonesia (19 December 1996)*

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* The date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

International Day of Disabled Persons

Exhibition

The Department for Public Information, in collaboration with the American Foundation for the Blind, has organized an exhibition entitled "Inspiration and Innovation: Helen Keller and the American Foundation for the Blind", to run until 31 December in the Public Lobby.

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Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of December has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Congo
H.E. Mr. Daniel Abibi

Asian States:
Mongolia
H.E. Mr. Jargalsaikhany Enkhsaikhan

Eastern European States:
Poland
H.E. Mr. Zbigniew Wlosowicz

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Mexico
H.E. Mr. Manuel Tello

Western European and Other States:
Canada
H.E. Mr. Robert R. Fowler

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